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## Fall 2016 Edition

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## A House in Mourning *Hallowe'en at the 1897 Poe House*

In conjunction with the Museum of the Cape Fear's temporary exhibit, "Parlor to Parlor: Funeral Traditions of the Cape Fear 1850-1950," which runs through December 31, the 1897 Poe House will be "A House in Mourning" from October 1-November 13, 2016. The mourning set up includes a replica coffin resting in the parlor, making it difficult to decorate the house for a Hallowe'en party as we have done in the past. Instead, this year's ***Hallowe'en Revels Night Tours*** will guide you through a fictional timeline of scenes from the life of Dixie Poe Sutton (1886-1913), a daughter of E.A. and Josephine Poe. Although this short play is a work of fiction, elements of the show will be based on entries from the diary of Lillie Poe, another Poe daughter who lived in the house until her death in 1988. Shows will take place **October 26-28, 2016 from 6:00-9:00 pm.**

"We are excited to be working with the Gilbert Theater again, and this year's theme allows us to mix things up to keep the program fresh and new for our repeat Halloween visitors," says Megan Maxwell, the 1897 Poe House Education Coordinator.



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# A House in Mourning

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You can expect to see 20 minutes of historical theater culminating in a home funeral scene for Dixie, who died from childbirth complications in 1913. “While this year’s content is more mature, the show will remain family friendly with plenty of Hallowe’en mischief and some surprise elements,” Maxwell explains.

For those who have not attended before, this is not a traditional Poe House tour. Guests will be transported back in time, witnessing a series of short vignettes while becoming immersed in late Victorian cultural norms, music, and poetry through this scripted short play. This is a unique opportunity to experience historical theater in an actual historic home. For a more detailed look at the Poe House and family history, attend a tour during regular museum hours.

Tickets are \$3 per person at the door, and children 5 and under are admitted free. Tickets must be purchased at the door. Tours will run every 20 minutes beginning at 6:00 pm with the last tour departing at 9:00 pm each evening. Tour space is limited to 15 participants per tour.

Experience Hallowe’en at the 1897 Poe House throughout the month of October. All month long the 1897 Poe House will be dressed in mourning providing a particularly spooky setting for this time of year. In addition, the second floor will be decorated with traditional Hallowe’en décor. Hallowe’en, short for Hallow’s Eve, is the traditional spelling of the holiday during the Victorian period. 1897 Poe House tours are given at 11:00, 1:00, and 3:00 on weekdays and every hour on weekends. The house is closed on Mondays. The cost is FREE!

Hallowe’en Revels is supported by the Arts Council in part by contributions from businesses and individuals, and through grants from the City of Fayetteville, Cumberland County and the North Carolina Arts Council, an agency of the Department of Cultural Resources. Matching funds are being provided by the Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex Foundation, Inc.



Last year’s Hallowe’en Revels theme was “Fortunes, Frights, and Fun!” The cast poses for pictures on the front porch and in the dining room at the Poe House.





## Arts Council Grant Supports Cultural Palooza 2016

The Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex Foundation is pleased to announce our annual fall program series, Cultural Palooza, has been awarded a project support grant in the amount of \$5,000 from the Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County. The program series includes the Festival of Yesteryear, Hallowe'en Revels Night Tours of the 1897 Poe House, Trick or Treat at the Poe House, and Holiday Jubilee. "Cultural Palooza programs use many art forms to teach our visitors about life in the past, including music, dancing, acting, and historical re-enacting. This grant is significant because it allows us to bring in quality performers and artists, and provide a unique public experience for free or at minimal cost," says 1897 Poe House Education Coordinator, Megan Maxwell.

The grant enabled the museum to host the annual Festival of Yesteryear on Sept. 10. Over 1000 people attended the festival which is held in partnership with the Lafayette Birthday Celebration. With the grant in place, the three remaining events will take place: Hallowe'en Revels Oct. 26-28; Trick or Treat Oct. 29; and Holiday Jubilee on Dec. 4. The Arts Council grant is a 1:1 matching grant, and the Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex Foundation will be contributing the other half. Your donations to the museum will help achieve the required 1:1 match.

The foundation strives to enrich the lives of citizens by putting affordable arts and cultural activities within easy grasp of every resident in southeastern NC. Each event interprets a variety of historical perspectives including culture, arts, and daily life to engage the public's interest in preserving history through education. Cultural Palooza events also use history education to raise awareness of our differences and diversity by fostering appreciation of the past, and promote the past to present generations through living history demonstrations. Providing fun, educational entertainment encourages residents and tourists to attend cultural and historical events in Fayetteville, thereby benefiting the local economy.

"The Arts Council is proud to partner with the Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex Foundation in support of Cultural Palooza," says Deborah Martin Mintz, Arts Council Executive Director. "Project Support Grants for 2016-2017 will help fund 30 projects facilitated by 19 nonprofit organizations in our community. These projects help strengthen our community through festivals and concerts, youth education programs, art exhibitions, art workshops, and so much more."

Project Support Grants increase opportunities for access to arts, science, cultural and historical programming in Cumberland County. The grants are awarded to nonprofit agencies in Cumberland County that demonstrate financial and administrative stability.



**The Arts Council and your donations to the MCFHC Foundation allowed us to bring in historical performer Mark Schneider and craftsman Thomas Tucker for the Festival of Yesteryear.**



## Festival of Yesteryear 2016



Over 1,300 people attended the Festival of Yesteryear on Saturday September 10, 2016. Here are some of our pics from the day! Clockwise from top: April C. Turner shares African cultural music and dance with the audience; the Marquis de Lafayette talks with a visitor; our cannon crew; militia enlistment with Camp Flintlock; Tryon Palace Fife and Drum Corp. Visit our Facebook album for more pics!





# Trick or Treat at the 1897 Poe House

Saturday October 29  
11:00-4:00 pm

## Costume Contest

Contestants are divided based on age categories:

Infant-3 years, 4-6 years, 7-9 years, and 10-12 years. Prizes are awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each category. There is a \$1.00 fee to enter.

Creativity, historical, and handmade costumes are encouraged!

- Raven Hunt at the Poe House
- Games and Prizes
- Magic Show/Balloon Twisting
- Face Painting
- Funnel Cakes and Concessions On Site!
- Costume Contest Registration 11-2, Judging at 2:00 pm.
- Admission is FREE!!



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## A Message from the MCFHC Foundation

As we enter the final months of 2016, we would ask you to consider making a financial contribution to the Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex Foundation.

The foundation supports Museum programs, exhibits and events throughout the year. While the state provides operating costs, all other activities are funded through grants and donations. Your support is needed to continue offering high quality educational programs and exhibits as we move towards establishing the North Carolina Civil War History Center.

If you would like to discuss sponsorship opportunities or the MCFHC Foundation programming, please contact Museum Administrator David Reid at (910) 486-1330 or [david.reid@ncdcr.gov](mailto:david.reid@ncdcr.gov) and he will put you in contact with one of our Board members to answer your questions and provide you with details.

Thank you for supporting the museum with your attendance and/or any financial or in-kind support you can offer.

### 2016-2017 Board Members

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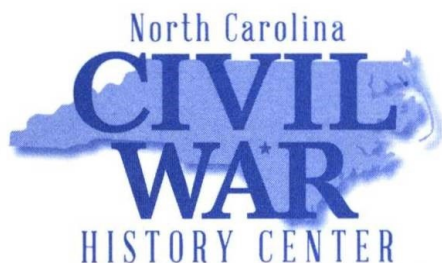
Thank you to our landscaping sponsors Landco Outdoors and SunTree Landscaping for keeping the grounds of the 1897 Poe House beautiful for our fall event season. Please contact these generous companies for all of your landscaping needs!

We are looking for additional landscapers to add to a two month rotation beginning in March of 2017. If your company, or someone you know, would be willing to donate services of mowing, trimming, and edging twice a month for two months, please contact Megan Maxwell at the museum.



## Please Consider Making a Donation!

Your donations make it possible for us to continue to offer quality educational programming and events. Become a member of the NC Civil War History Center or make a donation to the Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex Foundation, Inc. at PO Box 53693 Fayetteville, NC 28305. Your donations are tax deductible! Thank you!



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### What can I expect as a member?

- Quarterly newsletter
- Special mailings on events & programs
- Invitations to members-only events
- Special tours and programs
- The satisfaction of supporting quality educational programs and events, and preserving our history for future generations

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### Membership Levels: (please check one)

- ☐ Sustainer .....\$1,000
- ☐ Benefactor .....\$500
- ☐ Family/Patron.....\$100
- ☐ Individual.....\$25

### Corporate:

- ☐ Arsenal Park .....\$5,000
- ☐ Poe House .....\$2,500
- ☐ Ghost Tower .....\$1,000
- ☐ Museum/History Center.....\$500

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**





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#### Museum Hours

Tuesday-Saturday 10-5  
Sunday 1-5

#### 1897 Poe House Tours

Tues-Fri 11:00, 1:00, 3:00  
Saturday 10-5 on the hour  
Sunday 1-5 on the hour

### **Museum Staff**

**David Reid**  
Administrator

**Leisa Greathouse**  
Curator of Education

**Megan Maxwell**  
1897 Poe House  
Education Coordinator

**Karen Wallace**  
Administrative  
Assistant

**Jim Frederickson**  
Carpenter

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**Louise White**  
**Ruth Aldridge**  
**Sarah Stubbs**  
**Angel Garcia**

And more than 50  
volunteers



The Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex consists of a NC southeast regional history museum, the 1897 Poe House, and Arsenal Park. Two floors of exhibits present the rich history of southeastern North Carolina, from the Paleo-Indian period to the first decades of the 1900s in the Museum of the Cape Fear. The fully restored and furnished 1897 Poe House, home of E.A. Poe, a Fayetteville brick maker, offers a glimpse of early twentieth-century life and the changes that defined this era. Finally, Arsenal Park marks the site commissioned in 1838 by the federal government to manufacture and store arms. The arsenal was used by the Confederacy during the Civil War, and it was destroyed by Union troops under the command of General William T. Sherman in March of 1865. Admission to the Museum Complex is free.

## Upcoming Events

### October 1-November 13

#### ***A House in Mourning***

Tours: Tuesday-Friday at 11, 1, 3  
Saturday 10-4 on the hour  
Sunday 1-4 on the hour  
FREE!

### October 26-28, 2016

#### **Hallowe'en Revels: Night**

**Tours of the 1897 Poe House**  
**6:00-9:00 pm**

Actors with the Gilbert Theater portray members of the Poe household as they remember the life and death of Dixie Poe Sutton. These evening tours give visitors a chance to encounter customs and traditions from the past. Tours will run every 20 minutes and are limited to 20 people per tour. Tickets are \$3 per person, children 6 and under are free. Must be purchased at the door, no advance sales.

### October 29, 2016

#### **Poe House Trick-or-Treat**

**11:00-4:00 pm**

The annual Poe House Trick or Treat features a costume contest (\$1 entry fee), magic show, and traditional Halloween carnival games for the kids. Listen to a ghost story then look for Poe's ravens in the 1897 Poe House. Admission is FREE.

### November 22-Jan 8, 2017

#### **Christmas at the 1897 Poe House**

The Poe House Christmas décor can be viewed daily during regularly scheduled tours.

### December 4, 2016

#### **Holiday Jubilee**

**1:00-5:00 pm**

Held annually in December, Holiday Jubilee encompasses the traditions of holidays past including music and cooking on the 1902 stove. Enjoy a Victorian caroling concert on the Poe House front porch and view the elaborate Christmas décor during this open house event. The Coventry Carolers will perform at 1:30, 2:30, and 3:30 pm. FREE

### Preschool Pals

#### **2nd Tuesday of the Month**

**10:00 am**

Preschool Pals is a free program for ages 3-5 and includes crafts and a story time around a specific theme. Please call ahead to register so we have plenty of materials on hand for each child.

October 11th- Pumpkins  
November 8th- American Indians  
December 13th- Holiday Trains



The Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex is part of the NC Department of Cultural Resources/Division of State History Museums.